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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277

Takashi MUNAKATA, et al. : Confirmation Number: 9237

Application No.: 09/526,177 : Group Art Unit: 2624

Filed: March 15, 2000 : Examiner: Douglas Q. Tran

For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Petition for Extension of Time Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2004, now due to expire September 16, 2004, be extended for three month(s) and set to expire on December 16, 2004.

Please charge the extension fee of \$1020.00 to Deposit Account No. 500417. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500417.

Respectfully submitted,

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